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N. E. Fellowship Summer Program At Rumney, N. H.

The New England Fellowship, which is a Christian incorporated, evangelistic organization with headquarters at Boston and Rumney, N. H., announces its program for the coming summer in a series of departmental endeavor and conferences which will be held in Rumney at their auditorium and other buildings, among the stately pines of their four hundred acre tract. The events and the dates are as follows:

Institute for public school teachers, June 26-July 2, Miss Rose H. Phillips, Miss Elizabeth Evans and others; School of methods, for all church and Sunday school leaders, July 3-15, Prof. Merrill C. Tenney, dean; American Sunday school union camp, July 15-21, Paul Nystedt, secretary for N. H., director; Fourth annual conference for young people, July 22-28, Rev. Maurice Jacques, James Bennet, Rev. John Carrara; Week-end conference for business men, July 29-30, R. G. LeTourneau, Fishermen's Gospel teams and others.

A great conference for pastors and Christian workers, under interdenominational committee of pastors, July 31-Aug. 4; Conference of Christian women, Aug. 6-11, Dr. H. Framer Smith, Miss Ruth Paxson, Miss E. M. Evans; General conference, Aug. 12-18, 19-26, 1st week, Rev. Oswald J. Smith, Dr. H. Framer Smith, 2nd week, Rev. Harold Laird, Dr. W. H. Wright; A new conference for young people, Aug. 28-Sept. 4, Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Beisel, Roy L. Brown.

There are many of our Northfield residents who are much interested in the work of the Fellowship and speakers from the organization have visited here and participated in the services at the local Congregational church.

Those desiring more detailed information should write the secretary of the N. E. Fellowship, 5 Park St., Boston.

Fine Fashion Show Attracts Very Many And All Are Pleased

The fashion show under the auspices of the Fortnightly at the town hall Wednesday afternoon drew a very large audience, who were delighted with the most excellent showing by Wilson's department store of the latest designs in women's wearing apparel.

There were various styles shown, of many patterns and in many colors. The models were as named in last week's "Press" and they wore the latest dresses and gowns in an alluring manner. Stanley R. Reid of Wilson's was personally present to guide the showing with the assistance of his able manager of the garment department, Mr. Gates.

The committee deserve credit for its able handling of the affair which in every way was a huge success. Before and after the show a food sale was conducted in the lower room. It is reported that about \$40 was realized toward the Washington trip fund of the high school seniors and that sufficient money is now available for its cost.

Can You Help?

The social service committee of the Public Health Council is serving as a clearing house for providing the necessities of the unfortunate and much time is being devoted to the work by Mrs. John T. Holden and the members of her efficient committee. Just now an appeal is being made for furniture of all kinds, for beds and bedding, for a child's crib, for dishes and tableware, for a basin, for shirts, size 15, for cardboard boxes, for dresses, etc. If you have anything you desire to dispose of that is usable call Mrs. Holden on the phone—324, and prompt attention will be given to your assistance. In fact if you have anything that other people can use and you are done with it, just call 324.

The Campaign Starts For Raising Funds For Pioneer Valley

About 150 persons gathered at the Northampton hotel Wednesday evening to inaugurate the campaign to raise funds for the promotion and advertising of Pioneer Valley, the name by which the three counties of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin will be known in a historical sense. Northfield was represented by A. Gordon Moody, president of the association. Dinner was served to the vast assemblage at 6:30 and the meeting was presided over by John W. Haigis, general chairman for the campaign. Solicitations will start immediately and business men will be appealed to contribute as well as a list of selected residents in every community of the three counties.

In Boston the Senate has passed the bill to permit the county commissioners of the three counties to appropriate a sum of \$5000 each to aid the publicity work. With the success of the publicity work in Berkshire county in building up that area and increasing its summer business, the campaign committee envisions, in the hope that a similar accomplishment can be attained here.

In Northfield the summer business, created and started twenty years ago, is today its most valuable asset and second only to the enterprises of the Northfield Schools.

Northfield's future growth and development must come from the ranks of that great "sojourner" group, whom we welcome each and every year.

District Y. W. C. A. Leaders At Hotel

The spring conference of the Western Massachusetts district of the YWCA will be held Saturday at East Northfield.

The morning session will be held at the Northfield hotel, with registration at 9:30. After lunch at the hotel the conference will continue in Sage chapel at the Seminary.

The speakers are Rev. Mary Connor of East Northfield, Mrs. Scott Keith of Deerfield, Dr. Henry J. Kilbourne of Winter Park, Fla., Miss Harriot Campbell of Hartford and Miss Mildred A. Weeks of Amherst.

The clubs will give reports of their activities and discuss plans with the program adviser, Mrs. Belknap. A group of young people from the Youth Hostel will give some folk dances and Mrs. Esther Williams of Northfield will lead the singing.

The committee for the conference is Mrs. Cora Hayward, Chatham; Mrs. Helen Belknap, Deerfield; Mrs. Louis Smith, Mt. Hermon; Mrs. George H. Foster, East Northfield.

Virginia Camp

One of the counsellors of the Virginia camp, which has been maintained here for many years, is Miss Virginia Prout, well known and appreciated for her devoted service to the camp. This winter in New York she raised a hurricane fund, to help defray the cost of repairing the damages done by the hurricane of last September at Virginia camp. The Seminary placed the cabins in order last October and now has received a check for \$200 from the New York City Mission, to cover the cost, which sum represents the amount raised by Junior Leaguers under the direction of Miss Prout.

Northfield Grange

There will be a regular meeting of the Northfield Grange Tuesday evening next at the Grange hall, when the Home and Community Service committee will have charge of the program. There will be a roll call on the question, "Why come to the Grange?" Applications for membership will be considered.

Next Monday evening the Grange has been invited to neighbor with Arlington Grange at Winchester, N. H., and will provide a portion of the evening's program.

"Enchanted Ireland" Illustrated Address At The Fortnightly

At the meeting of the Fortnightly held last Friday evening in Alexander hall, members were invited to bring a friend. It was the annual guest night and the program feature was a talk by Mrs. Robert Parmenter of Amherst on "Enchanting Ireland" illustrated with pictures, taken from photographs which she and her husband had personally taken while touring the island last summer. The pictures were most natural and showed on the screen the most interesting and historical landmarks of the Emerald Isle. Mrs. Parmenter gave an interesting description of the various places she visited, the life of its peoples and the beautiful setting with which it was endowed by nature.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed the president of the Fortnightly, welcomed the guests and introduced the speaker. The club's chorus rendered several Irish song selections. The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall and Mrs. George Pefferle.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be Friday, April 7th at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall when Mrs. Ellen Kyburg will speak on "books from the best Seller List." The final gathering will be Friday, April 24 at 3 o'clock at Alexander hall and will be the annual meeting, for the election of officers. A skit presented by Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Miller will entertain.

Something New: A Commission Sale

A sale of used clothing, in first class condition will be held the first Saturday in May. Ten per cent of the proceeds of each article will be given to the scholarship fund of Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school. 90 per cent will go to the person who sends in the article for sale.

Spring officially is here. When you put away winter clothes or do your spring house cleaning, start a box for the commission sale of men's, women's and children's clothing in good condition—that is, clean and no defects such as stains or darns.

Notify Mrs. Russell Durgin or Mrs. Edward Powell if you wish to share in the first commission sale ever held in Northfield.

Bids Are Opened On Hales Crossing

Bids for the construction of the new roadway and bridge at Hales crossing over the Boston & Maine railroad tracks, were opened on Tuesday, by the Department of Public Works in the state house at Boston. The lowest bid was of \$117,568 by the Kelleher Corp. of Turners Falls; second, \$126,744.85 by the Lane Construction Co., Meriden, Ct.; third, \$126,832.30 by Coleman Bros. Corp. Boston.

The new highway will be a part of Routes 5 and 10 between Barnardston and Greenfield and will eliminate the dangerous grade crossing which now exists. It is expected that the work will begin immediately and pushed through to completion.

Speaking Contest

An oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion will be held in Alexander hall Friday evening at 8. Juniors and seniors of the high school will take part. Parents and friends may attend. There is no admission charge.

Missionary Conference Is Second Of Season For Coming Summer

Announcement is made that the Missionary conference will meet here in the second of the series of summer conferences and the dates have been fixed as of July 3 through the 10th.

For many years this great interdenominational gathering has provided inspiration for persons: Christian living as well as training for service of the church. It is of a dual nature with separate classes for women and girls. The topic for mission study, both home and foreign, will be "Christ and the World Community" with background material from the Madras conference which was held the early part of this year in India and presided over by Dr. John R. Mott of this country.

Among the leaders who are expected are Miss Sue Weddell, Miss Gertrude Schultz, Miss Nona Diehl, Dr. Caroline Palmer, the Rev. Ruth Conant, Dr. Emily Werner, Dr. Elizabeth Brubaker, Miss Marguerite Hazzard and Miss Hazel Orton.

Those who desire further detailed information in regard to this conference should write to Miss Edna Springhorn, 19 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, N. Y.

The conference will be housed in the various dormitories on the Seminary campus and the large meetings will be held in the Auditorium to which the public will be admitted.

Parker Entertains At The Brotherhood

Tuesday evening at the local Congregational church, the Brotherhood observed "father and son" night and over 100 sat down to a fine supper of creamed chicken, potatoes, peas, cocoa, rolls and ice cream which all enjoyed. Following Pitt Parker, well known humorist and crayon chalk artist furnished the program which delighted all. He proved not only very clever with the chalk but unusually witty with his line of talk. Everyone had a good time at the meeting and are looking forward another year for a similar event.

"Four Girls In White"

Hospital life as viewed from the eyes of a nurse is revealed in a stirring new picture coming to the Litchfield Memorial theatre Friday and Saturday. It is "Four Girls In White," with the four nurses of the title played by Florence Rice, Una Merkel, Ann Rutherford and Mary Howard, and the man in the case enacted by Alan Marshal.

One of the most sensational train wreck sequences ever filmed forms the background for the dramatic high-light of the picture which tells the story of four girls who enter upon nursing careers with four different reasons, only to be won over by the single purpose of service to humanity when the dreaded "disaster call" puts them face to face with suffering human beings.

Mrs. Ethel Hopkins with her sons, Robert and Stephan have gone for a visit in New York City during the vacation period.

Mrs. William R. Moody quietly observed her birthday last Monday in company with her daughters, Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Dickerson.

Russell Durgin, Jr., and his sister Helen are spending the school vacation on a visit with their grandmother in Boston.

THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE STILL STANDS



Those New Books In The Library

Inquiries at Dickinson Memorial library for the new books of special interest to young people, a partial list of which was given in the last issue of the "Press"—indicate the wisdom of further publicity concerning them. We therefore name a few more which may well be called "Career Books."

For girls we call attention to "Face West" by Margaret Lull, a charming story of two hustling girls who made a pronounced success at raising fruit. Their adventures, discouragements and triumphs are told in a fascinating way and the book will be an inspiration to any girl of ability and ambition. 4-H girls will like it. And this is true also of "Nancy Brandon, Enthusiast," a story of three business girls and their successful "What-not Shop."

"Prairie Girl" by Lucille F. Fargo, is the record of a girl named Prairie, who grew up in Dakota during the 80's and 90's. Her father called her his boy. She had a genius for making things. She helped build the house they lived in. She could handle an ax as well as a crochet hook, a plane or hammer as well as the ingredients of a cake. In time she fell in love—well, the book tells all about it.

"Sue Barton, Student Nurse," is the story of a girl's first year of training in a hospital. Her adventures are diverse. She falls down the laundry chute; she gets into a scrap with an Italian patient who can't understand English, and she has a real battle with a delirious patient. Any girl whose thoughts turn toward the profession of nursing should read this book. Another girl's book is "Peggy Covers Washington" by Emma Bugbee, the story of a girl reporter who broke into the news circles of the nation's capital.

There are also new books for boys. "The Lone Rider," a real adventure story of an eighteen-year-old boy on a great sheep ranch in Southern California. In course of time he becomes a scout for the famous Kit Carson. "Carlos" an adventure story of a Mexican boy. And we must not omit "On Jungle Trails" by Frank Buck, the famous author of "Bring 'Em Back Alive." This is a book that every boy patron of the library will call for. The girls also will like it, and we prophesy that into whatever home it goes the older members of the family will read it as eagerly as the young folks.

"Peck's Bad Boy" Goes To Brattleboro

The play "Peck's Bad Boy" which was so well presented and appreciated by large audiences recently at the town hall, in aid of the high school senior class fund for the Washington trip, will be produced in Brattleboro on the evening of Wednesday, March 29. The local cast will present the complete production, sponsored by the Boy Scouts and given in the large Grange hall on Canal street in that town. The engagement will afford an opportunity to any local persons who were unable to see the show here, to see it there. All profits will go to the Brattleboro Boy Scouts, a worthy endeavor.

First Post Office Established In 1639

Our local genial rural delivery carrier, Henry A. Johnson, who carries the mail over Route 2 from the Northfield post office, believes that a real celebration is in the making for the observance of the 300th anniversary of the first post office in this country. On a tablet on the Boston Globe building on Washington street in Boston may be seen the following inscription: "Richard Fairbanks, his house in Boston, is the place appointed for all letters. And he is to take care that they are delivered or sent according to their direction." Order of the General Court, Nov. 5, 1639.

Mr. Johnson received the copy of the reading on the tablet from Postmaster Tagus of Boston and referred the same to the president of the National Rural Letter Carriers association of which he is a member. He feels the event is of great historical importance. Perhaps Mr. Farley, postmaster general, may have something to say about the anniversary later.

Will Hold Clinics

At a meeting of the local Health Council held Monday evening in the office of the district nurse, Miss Euphrasia Furrington, plans were announced for a series of diptheria immunization clinics in the town hall on April 15, May 6 and May 27. Mrs. Fred A. Holton and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody were added to the membership of the council and Mrs. Melvin Gallagher as a member of the social service committee.

The annual sportsmen's show in the community building at Brattleboro will be held April 21 through the 28th.

South Vernon Fire Razes Adams House Saturday Night

A passing motorist on the highway, discovered smoke pouring from the house formerly known as the Richardson house, opposite the Belding home, at South Vernon last Saturday evening shortly after 11 o'clock, and rushing to the same, awakened William Reynolds, who lives in the ell. The forward part of the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edson who were away at the time, but a pet dog which they left at home was suffocated by the smoke. The house was owned by Mrs. Fred Adams, and the loss will probably be about \$3,000.

The Northfield fire department was summoned and with a stream of water from a nearby pool was able to save the garages adjoining the house, and the barn at the rear. They did splendid work.

The Edson family lost all their furniture and there was no insurance. Mr. Reynolds was able to save most of his furniture.

The flames lit up the sky for a considerable distance and attracted many to the scene.

The house was attractive and well constructed and kept in good repair. It was a story and half in height. It is not yet known whether it will be rebuilt. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Mrs. Margaret Cormie

Mrs. Margaret (Beaton) Cormie, wife of Edward H. Cormie of Greenfield died last Sunday, March 19 at the Franklin county hospital at the age of 57 years. She had been seriously ill for about four weeks.

She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beaton and came to America with her husband about 15 years ago, locating in Northfield where Mr. Cormie was employed by the Northfield schools. About three years ago the family moved to Greenfield where they conducted the grocery store at Nash's Mills.

Besides her husband, she leaves three children, James and Edward, at home; and Mrs. Ralph Hale of Northfield; four grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Janet Leslie of Northfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at McCarthy's funeral home in Greenfield with Rev. George K. Carter of the First Congregational church officiating. Burial was in the Northfield cemetery. Mrs. Cormie was affiliated with the church and a member of the North Parish Woman's club. She was a woman of fine character, devoted to her family and had many friends in Northfield.

Spring Is Here

Yes, spring is here! It arrived on Tuesday at 7:29 a. m. E. S. T. but the weather conditions were such that you would not suspect it. The winds were strong, the air was cold and the thermometer kept below the freezing mark.

If you were out too long, you shivered and were glad to get back into a warm house and the comforts of home. Like all good and thoughtful citizens, you properly cared for your animals and fed the birds a few more crumbs. Cold weather started in about the 14th of last November, and we have had plenty of snow and ice continuously since. In fact we have had a long four months and over of winter and now getting pretty much tired of it. All will welcome the spring.

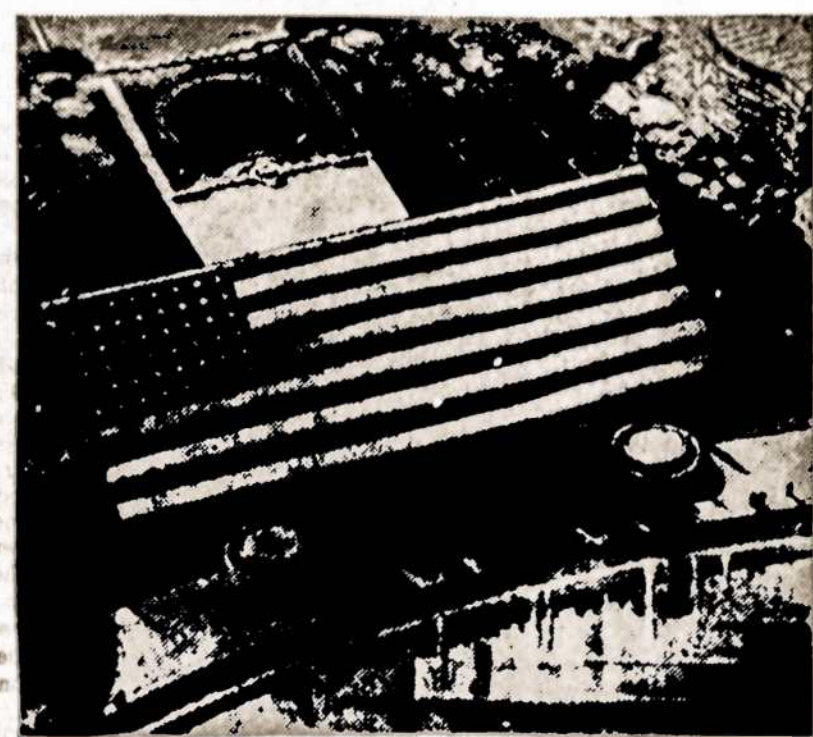
Measles About

The red card upon many of our homes about the town, indicate that there is plenty of measles among our young folks. Something over thirty cases have developed but not one is of serious proportions. Dr. Allen H. Wright, who is acting for the Board of Health, has the situation well in hand and states that a rapid recovery is being made in all cases.

Has Strange Pets

From Ocala, Fla., where our fellow townsman, J. F. Blittinger is spending a pleasant winter, comes the story through the press of a man, Ross Allen, who has a most interesting avocation. He has a large number of rattlesnakes, with all their rattlers and poison sacs and from them extracts the venom, for medical uses. It would seem to most of us as a risky business but it is said that he handles them and pets them as most of us would do with our kittens.

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TOWN TOPICS

New Hampshire has issued a notice to all truck drivers by posting on the highways, that all loads of over seven tons are banned until further notice. One of these signs have been placed at the Northfield line on the Hinsdale road.

It is reported that the detour for traffic on the highway to Winchester while the Wamamaker road is being constructed will be via Moody street and Winchester road.

A large tree on the Warwick road adjoining the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Haskell, long considered as very unsafe, has been taken down by the town.

Thomas Parker, Jr., of Governor Dummer academy, is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker at their home on Main street.

Ruth Phelps and Elizabeth Miller, student nurses at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital spent last week-end at their respective homes here.

A. J. Monant has moved from his home on Warwick avenue to reside in Holyoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrows recently entertained a number of relatives in honor of Mrs. Hattie Clark, who observed her birthday and was visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter and their son and his wife visited the flower show in Boston last week.

It is reported that the sum of \$130 was realized from the concert given Thursday evening of last week for the benefit of the Tvedt family in the Grange hall at Vernon.

Word has been received that Mrs. Flora L. Haslam, sister of Mrs. William F. Hoehn and Miss Ethel Lawrence, who spent the past summer in Northfield, and who suffered a stroke, while on a visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Spoor, at Kingston, N. Y., is now making progress toward recovery. She is now in a sanitarium at Madison, N. J., near her other daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Suttie.

Miss Martha Stevens, employed at the Worcester state hospital, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens.

The Connecticut Valley association of Unitarian ministers met at Amherst on Monday at the Unitarian church of which Dr. B. F. Kimpel is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Willey spent last week-end in Watervliet, N. Y., making the trip by motor via the Molly Stark trail. They report snow drifts six feet and over along the roadsides from Wilmington west.

Mrs. Milo Schlaght of Northfield mountain has returned home after a three months' absence spent with her daughter, Ruth, who resides in Michigan. She made the trip homeward by bus which was interesting.

On Main street at the Pine street intersection on Monday morning, cars driven by Bernard Whitney and George Lombard came together in a skid which somewhat damaged both cars. No one was injured.

An appeal has been made for the gift of eggs for the annual pre-Easter offering to the Boston Flower Mission. Mrs. E. M. Morgan will be glad to receive donations of either eggs or money in Northfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buffum in East Northfield and forward them to the Flower Mission.

The infant daughter, Nancy Anne, of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann was dedicated and baptized at the Congregational church service last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan of Waltham and former residents here will return to Northfield to make their home and have leased the lower apartment in the Woodbury house on Winchester road. Mr. McMillan was formerly purchasing agent of the Northfield schools.

According to a transfer recorded in the registry August Ostroski of Northfield has conveyed to the Franklin Savings Institution of Greenfield, four tracts in Northfield; one, seven acres west of Pine Meadow road and north of William Whitakers; two, 18 acres north of the Pine Meadow road and west of Samuel F. Brownings; three, 14 acres south of the Connecticut river and west of property of John D. and Clara Smith; four, 10 acres south of Summer Titus' and east of Elisha Stratton's.

Dean Williams, the town's tree warden, has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold.

Mrs. Olaf Hoff, Jr., of Turners Falls who is the third vice-president of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's clubs is adviser to its department of music which held a music festival in Boston yesterday (Thursday) at the Copley Plaza hotel.

Today is somebody's Birthday

Perhaps someone you know, someone you love is having a birthday today. Make it a Happy Birthday. Even though you're out-of-town, you can still pay a call — by telephone. It's a thoughtful thing to do that's nearly as satisfying as a call in person.

Day rates are thrifty. Night and Sunday rates are surprisingly cheap.

It costs nothing to get the cost of any call. Ask long-distance operator.

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At The Victoria

Friday and Saturday, March 24-25 on the screen: "Ride A Crooked Mile" with Akim Tamiroff and Leif Erikson. Also "Four's A Crowd" with Errol Flynn and Rosalind Russell.

Sunday thru Tuesday, March 26-28, "Little Women" with Katherine Hepburn and Joan Bennett. Also "The Frontiersman" with William Boyd and George Hayes.

Mrs. W. W. Slate, is reported as being very ill and has been taken to the Farren Memorial hospital for treatment.

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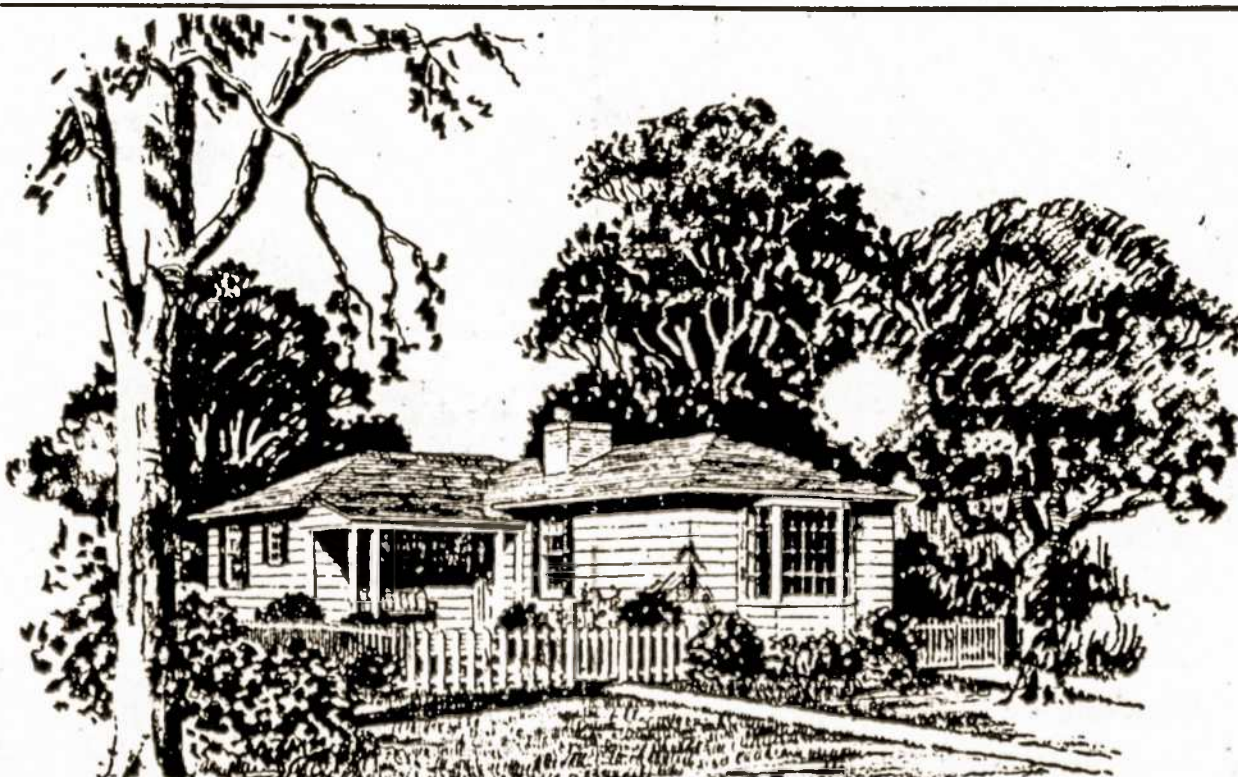
Announcement

Dr. F. Wilton Dean announces that his office will be closed from March 15 to April 1st.

TRUSSES

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This Honey of a Small House Is a Work-Saver



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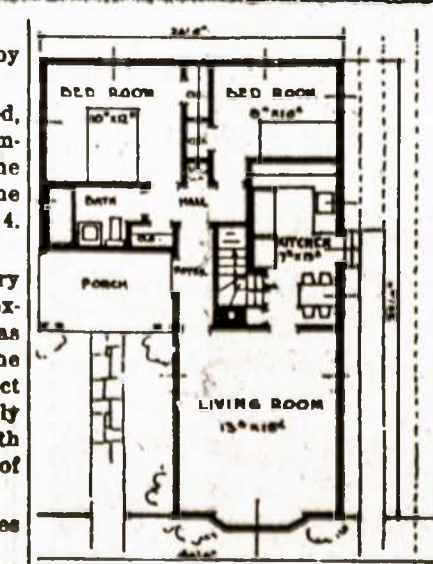
1. It should be efficiently planned.
 2. It should be attractively composed.
 3. It should anticipate the present and future needs of the family that will occupy it, and 4. It should be well built.

This small house—a one story house with two story privacy—exemplifies all four qualities. It was designed by Randolph Evans, the well-known small house architect and was selected by the Monthly Small House Club at 227 East 45th Street, New York, as its house of the month.

And this is why the Club believes it to be a GOOD house:

1. It is efficiently planned. Both bedrooms and bath can be reached from the entry without passing through the living room. If necessary, they can be completely shut off from the rest of the house to provide "second story privacy."
 Every major room has cross ventilation—windows on two or more walls that flood the house with sunlight and air.

2. It is attractively composed. Mr. Evans has pulled out the living



FIRST-FLOOR PLAN

room wing and added an engaging bay window to give this house a sprawling impressiveness. The roof is low-pitched and covered with mineral-surfaced, thick-but asphalt shingles. He has used a wide projecting cornice to give a deep shadow line at the eaves, and added a husky chimney with none of the spindly characteristics of many small house chimneys.

3. It anticipates the needs of its occupants. Built to accommodate a family of three, perhaps four, the house can be enlarged easily by adding bedrooms above the first floor, to be reached by stairs built above the present cellar stairs.

It is designed to require a minimum of housekeeping. A compact kitchen is within easy reach of the front door, bedrooms, and dining space in the living room. Ample closets will hold most essentials and a partial cellar has space for screens, awnings and such accessories.

4. It is well-built. Asbestos shingles on the side walls and asphalt shingles on the roof provide fire-resistance and unfading color.

The house is fully insulated with fireproof mineral wool in side walls and above the ceiling. Mineral wool bats, wall-thick, are fitted between the side wall studs and ceiling joists to provide permanent protection against both winter cold and summer heat. Screened vents under the eaves permit ventilation of the attic space.

Withal it is a low-cost house. It can be built in most parts of the country for \$20,000 and it will fit on a 40 foot lot.

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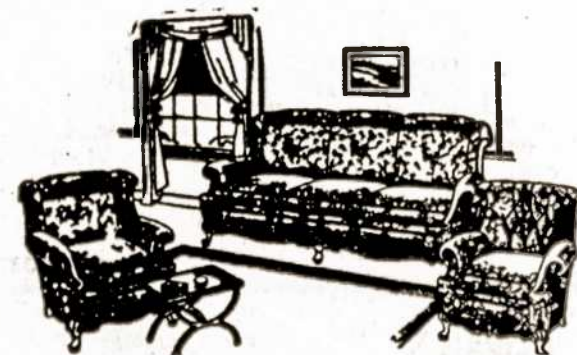
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EDITORIAL

Now that actual work has begun on the construction of the new highway, or rather connecting link, along the Wanamaker road to connect with the finished road to Winchester, and the contract for the new roadway and bridge at Hales crossing awarded, effort should be made by Northfield to have something done in a permanent way relative to the state highway through the town from the New Hampshire state line to a point on lower Main St., at the junction at Stearns garage. This section of highway is in very poor condition, full of ruts and holes, and too narrow for the traffic which it carries. It is no credit to the state nor to this town to have it remain in its present condition.

The "Press" is a purely local paper, confining itself to local news, but the events of the past week, international in character, concerning Germany and its tyrant leaders, come so close to us, that it gives us the jitters, and becomes a local proposition. By far our citizens want peace. We want no war, but if it becomes necessary to stop the brutality and inhumanity, pictured to us as being meted out to peoples, defenseless in character, then let it be war, and war until the serpent is bruised and unable to again lift its head.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that Massachusetts has 60 educational institutions granting degrees, of which twelve are supported in part by the state. . . In Boston 52 per cent of rented dwelling units are 40 years of age, and older. . . Mass. Unemployment Compensation commission paid out \$27,227,990 in 1938 and had a balance of \$52,000,000. . . The seal of the city of Taunton bears the only motto praising the enterprise of a woman—"Dux Femina Facti"—"A woman was the leader in the things that were done". . . The Wood Mill in Lawrence more than one-third of a mile long, 126 feet wide and six stories high, is the largest wooden mill in the world. . . Boston in 1938 had the lowest death rate in its history. . . The steps, platforms and check books of the Lincoln Memorial at Washington are of pink granite, from Milford. . . Estimates place the annual income from recreation in Mass. at \$200,000,000. . . There are three million acres of woodland in the Commonwealth. . . Mass. is sixth among the states in number of industrial employees, and eighth in value of products. . . The United Shoe Machinery factory in Beverly is the largest and most completely equipped factory of its kind in the world. . . The production of corn per acre in this state is one of the highest in the United States. . . The State Planning Board has just issued a report giving essential facts regarding water resources, flood control, recreational facilities, and industrial importance, in the Main Stream Connecticut valley.

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You remember last week I told you about the varieties of vegetables I was going to order for my garden. You know, even tho' you don't get so much from your garden as a commercial grower does, there is certainly a lot to be gained from having a garden. You get a chance to get some very healthful exercise. You are out in the glorious sunshine, and then it just puts zip into the old system to dig around and get your hands covered with dirt.

Most home gardeners have no choice in the location of their plot. But if there is any chance for selection of land, take one that has a southern exposure and one that is away from trees. Trees rob the soil of moisture and plant food which are necessary for good vegetables. Most gardens can stand organic matter in the way of manure, peat moss, native peat, compost, and similar things. If at all possible, add some organic matter and plow it under. Of course if manure is not available, commercial fertilizer can be used.

Another thing that most folks fail to realize when planning for a home vegetable garden is the need for lime. Most home garden soils are simply too acid or sour for good growth of vegetables. If you haven't had your soil limed for at least three years, it's a safe bet that it could stand some. Add about 50 pounds of ground limestone for each 1000 square feet.

If you are not sure about the need of lime, send a soil sample to your county agricultural agent, to the State college at Amherst, or to the Waltham Field station in Waltham. Those people can help you on this phase of the work.

As I said, well rotted barnyard manure should be added every year if possible, because this not only adds fertilizer but adds organic matter or humus to the soil. If you are going to use commercial fertilizer, apply from 100 to 250 pounds of a good 5-8-7 mixture to a garden 50 feet by 100 feet in size.

Here is another point on the proposition of the land being sour. Do not think just because there is green moss growing on the soil that it is sour. Green moss will grow in any soil that is moist and not in direct sunlight.

Now the next thing to do in having a home garden is to make a definite and detailed plan. In other words, make a plan of your garden. Know just where you are going to put your beans, your sweet corn, or your potatoes, and also plan out succession crops. This latter point is mighty important where you are limited for space.

You also want to consider very carefully the things that are going to give you the most returns for your money. In other words, if you were to select only one vegetable, that one should be tomatoes. Cabbages, string beans, carrots, beets, rutabagas, and such things will naturally give you more in the way of vegetables than such things as peas, or parsley or celery, or things of that sort. Those are rather difficult to grow.

Now you can get all the information you want on these points by simply writing to the State college at Amherst. They have two little leaflets—one which has a garden pretty well planned out for a family of three and another for a family of five. If you have more than five in your family, all you have to do is to be able to multiply and you still have your garden pretty well planned out. I say pretty well planned out, because it is impossible in a bulletin like this to give everything or to give gardens that would suit everyone. But I think one or the other of these publications would be a big help to you in planning your home garden.

Big Undertaking

In the city of Madison, N. J., there are about 3000 school children above the second grade and including the high school, whom the citizens of that town will send as a unit for a day's visit at the New York World's Fair. They will travel by special trains and be placed on a ferry boat at the pier and go direct to the Fair's water terminal. Teachers will have charge of their pupils. Serving on the general committee is Mrs. A. J. Suttie, principal of one of the schools and a niece of Mrs. William F. Hoehn and Miss Lawrence of this town, with whom she has spent her summers in Northfield for many years. It is said that many towns in New Jersey will duplicate this effort.

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At their suggestion, Ross returned to the Army the following day and surrendered. A few days ago, he was released, returned to his home—discharged neither honorably nor dishonorably. With reporters and photographers surrounding him and newsreel cameras grinding, Ross was too thankful to speak. Radio, bringing an unusual situation to light, was also instrumental in bringing it to a happy ending.

CHATTER. Bob Benchley's CBS show will not move to Hollywood until April and in May will switch to NBC. . . when George Mackinnon, Boston chatter columnist starts a series of Yankee network broadcasts next week he'll be able to do anything—talk, sing, interview or just play records. . . it's up to him! . . . latest addition gives CBS 115 stations. . . Milton Berle absent from the airlines returns in Springfield, finally working out a "course." Perhaps Allen and Benny had good intentions but when the programs finally reached the air, neither followed the plan. Each had double-crossed the other, hoping to gain an advantage.

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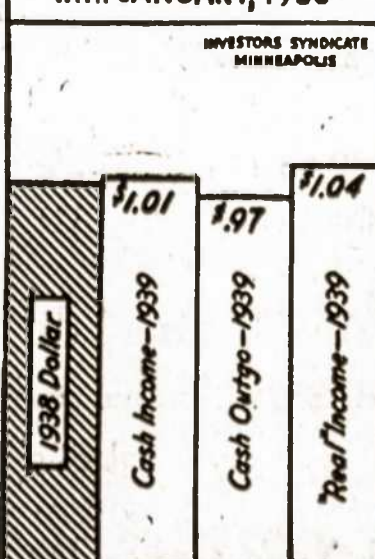
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